

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number : 10/734,740 Confirmation No.: 9514
Applicant : Chung Shih, et al.
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Title : BIODEGRADABLE TRIBLOCK COPOLYMERS AS
SOLUBILIZING AGENTS FOR DRUGS AND METHOD OF USE
THEREOF
TC/Art Unit : 1618
Examiner: : Blessing M. Fubara

Docket No. : 68936.000008
Customer No. : 21967

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully requests a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Restriction Requirement mailed on April 9, 2007, in the above-captioned application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including July 9, 2007.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants provide the following remarks in response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 9, 2007, in the above-captioned application.

The Restriction Requirement proposes to divide the application into four inventions labeled I-IV that are allegedly drawn to “a polymeric composition” (claims 1-3 and 12-17), “a biodegradable drug delivery system” (claims 4-11), “a method for administering a drug” (claims 18-28), and “a method for enhancing the solubility of a drug” (claims 29-43), respectively. In